

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

Claim 1. (Withdrawn) An image communication apparatus comprising:

original reading means for reading an original by means of an optical mechanism;

image processing means for performing image processing of an image read by said original reading means and a received image;

image recording means for recording an image image processing of which has been performed by said image processing means;

calling means for calling an opposite party of communication;

communication means for communicating with an opposite party machine through a predetermined communication line;

operation instructing means for instructing reading operation by said original reading means, image processing operation by said image processing means, image recording operation by said image recording means, calling operation by said calling means and communication operation by said communication means; and

operation instruction disabling means for disabling an instruction of each of the operation by said operation instructing means.

Claim 2. (Withdrawn) An image communication apparatus according to claim further comprising off-hook means for catching a communication line, said off-hook means being in a shape of a handset and enabling an instruction of each of the operation by said operation instructing means.

Claim 3. (Withdrawn) An image communication apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising off-hook means for catching a communication line, said off-hook means being provided on a cordless subsidiary phone and enabling an instruction of each of the operation, which has been disabled by a parent phone, by said operation instructing means.

Claim 4. (Withdrawn) An image communication apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising displaying means for displaying the disabling of an instruction of each of the operation by said operation instructing means.

Claim 5. (Withdrawn) An image communication apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a cordless subsidiary phone including displaying means for displaying the disabling of an instruction of each of the operation by said operation instructing means of a parent phone.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) An image communication apparatus including an operation panel having operation keys for making said image communication apparatus perform predetermined operation by being operated, said apparatus comprising:

a key lock switch for prohibiting an input by operation of at least one of said operation keys; [[and]]

reset judging means for judging whether prohibition of the input by said key lock switch is reset or not;

timing means;

appointed time information storing means for storing appointed time information; and

appointed time judging means for judging whether an appointed time measured by said timing means has passed or not,

wherein when said appointed time judging means judges that the appointed time has passed under the condition that the input by the key operation is prohibited by said key lock switch, said reset judging means judges that the prohibition of the input by said key lock means is reset and the input by the key operation is allowed.

Claim 7. (Original) An image communication apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising:

attribute storing means for storing an attribute indicating whether the prohibition of the input by said key lock switch is performed or not as to each of said operation keys; and

comparing means for comparing the attribute of a key and a setting of said key lock switch.

Claim 8. (Original) An image communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the attribute is stored in said image communication apparatus by an setting of an operator.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) An image communication apparatus according to ~~any one of claim~~[[s]] 6 [[to 8]], further comprising:

password storing means for storing a password;

password inputting means for inputting a password; and

password checking means for checking the password inputted by said password inputting means against the password stored in said password storing means.

Claims 10 and 11. (Canceled)